

adjourns. The Messenger I sent to New York is not yet return'd which surprizes me.

Tho' I am much hurried yet I cou'd not shun writing you, & to assure you I am with great Sincerity & in great Truth—

Y^r Excellency's
Most Obed^t hble Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

Gov^r Sharpe

[Gov. Shirley to Sharpe.]

Boston November 26. 1753.

Sir

I received by the last Post a Letter from the Earl of Holderness, dated 28th of August past (a Circular one, as it appears to be, to all his Majesty's Governments in North America) acquainting me that his Majesty had receiv'd Information of the march of a considerable number of Indians, not in Alliance with him, supported by some regular European Troops, intending, as it is apprehended, to commit some Hostilities on Parts of his Majesty's Dominions in America, and directing me to use my utmost Diligence to learn how far the same may be well grounded: Acquainting me also that his Lordship had it particularly in Charge to let me know that it was His Majesty's Royal Will & Pleasure, that I should keep up an exact Correspondence with all his Majesty's Governours on the Continent; and in Case I should be informed by any of them of any hostile Attempts, that I should immediately assemble the General Assembly within my Government, and lay before them the Necessity of a mutual Assistance and engage them to grant such Supplies, as the Exigency of Affairs may require. Original.

In Obedience to these Instructions, I trouble you with this Letter, to let you know that in Case any hostile Attempts shall be committed upon his Majesty's Territories within the Limits of your Honour's Government, for repelling of which that may stand in need of the Assistance of his Majesty's other Colonies upon the Continent, I shall be ready upon my being informed of it by your Honour, to do my Duty within my own Governm^t for procuring their due Proportion of Supplies upon the Emergency: And for this Purpose I shall be very glad to maintain a strict Correspondence with your Honour pursuant to his Maj^{ty}'s Commands signified to me in the Earl of Holdernesses before mentioned Letter.

I am with great Esteem

Sir,

Your Honour's most Humble
and most Obedient Servant

W Shirley.